

Philippians: Gaining a New Attitude

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Acts 16:33-40

I. The Marks of Mature Believers, (1:1-11)

A. Who These Mature Believers Are, (1:1)

1. *“Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus, who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons.”*
 - a. Paul frequently uses himself as an example for Christians to follow, (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 4:9)

Romans 10:9

Luke 6:46

1 Peter 1:15

1 Corinthians 6:11

1 Timothy 3:1-7

Titus 1:5-9

1 Timothy 3:8-13

B. What They Possess, (1:2-11)

1. Mark of “Grace and Peace,” (v. 2)
 - a. *“Grace”* = God’s favor bestowed upon those who approach Him through a true biblical *“faith.”*

Ephesians 2:8-9

- b. *“Peace”* = The presence of God in our lives.

John 16:33

Philippians 4:7

2. Mark of a thankful heart, (v. 3) *“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.”*
 - a. Since Paul was thankful for brethren he has been separated from by years and miles

Colossians 3:15

Colossians 1:18

3. Mark of Prayer, (v. 4a, c) “...always offering prayer w/joy in my every prayer for you all.”
 - a. One of the greatest marks of maturity for a Christian is the mark of prayer.

John 17:20

1 Thessalonians 5:17

4. Mark of Joy, (v. 4b), “...always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all.”
 - a. “Joy” = The sense that we have when we know we are in a right relationship with God!

Acts 16:25

5. Mark of Fellowship, (v. 5), “...in view of your participation in the gospel from the 1st day until now.”
 - a. “Participation” = Fellowship, to share, to have in common; “in the gospel”

Romans 1:16

Matthew 28:19

6. Mark of Confidence (in our salvation), (v. 6), “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began...
 - a. The mature believer has absolute certainty of their salvation (this is no “hope so,” think so, or “maybe.”)

1 John 5:13

Philippians 2:13

7. Mark of Partnership, (vs. 7-8). “For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because....”
 - a. Notice the areas in which Paul concludes these brethren to be his partners...

John 13:34-35

8. Mark of a Growing & Discerning Love, (vs. 9-10) “And this I pray that your love may abound more & more..
 - a. Three reasons why a love like this is needed between mature believers (i.e., Paul & the Philippians)

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2 Peter 3:10-12

Ephesians 5:27

9. Mark of Righteousness, (v. 11), “filled w/the fruit of R. which comes thru J.C. to the glory & praise of God.”